

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. OM20 of the
Omokoroa Community Board held on 07 May 2019
at the Omokoroa Community Church Hall
commencing at 7.00pm**

Present

Members M Grainger (Chairperson), T Sage (Deputy Chairperson), D Sage and P Presland and Councillors M Murray-Benge and J Palmer

In Attendance

J Pedersen (Group Manager People and Customer Services), A Hall (Roading Engineer West) and A Alty (Senior Governance Advisor)

Others

9 members of the public

Late Item

The Chairperson advised that there was a Late Item for the Community Board to consider for inclusion in the open section of the agenda, being an Application for Community Board Grant Funding.

The reason this item was not included on the agenda was that the information was not available at the time the agenda was compiled and printed. The late item could not be delayed to the next Community Board meeting as the work required to install the donated water fountain had been programmed to be undertaken as soon as practicable over the next month before the next Community Board meeting.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT, in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act the following item be considered as a late item of open business:

- *Community Board Grant Application - Omokoroa & District Lions Club*

Public Forum

Resolved: Member Grainger / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the meeting adjourn for the purpose of holding a public forum.

Omokoroa Public Art Group

Janine Birch from the Omokoroa Public Art Group outlined the current situation relating to the placement of the Anchor Stone sculpture. Ashley Grant the sculptor of the Anchor Stone was also present. The Board was advised:

- The Anchor Stone sculpture had been completed.
- The Art Group had been advised that in order to protect underground utilities, a specific concrete structure needed to be designed before the Anchor Stone was installed at the chosen site.
- The installation of the sculpture had been delayed because the garden site outside the Omokoroa Boat Club needed to be dug out and there were underground utilities close to the spot where the sculpture was to be secured and those utilities had to be protected.
- The weight of the sculpture was 2.5 ton and the Art Group had been advised that 2.5 ton of concrete would be required to secure and support the sculpture and provide a specifically designed construction to protect the underground facilities.

Members of the Omokoroa Public Art Group had been trying to progress the installation of the anchor stone for months and had been advised that because of the need to protect the underground utilities there would be additional costs involved but they had not received any official notice of those costs. It had been suggested that the additional cost may be about \$10,000.00. The Art Group did not have funding for this extra cost.

It was suggested that the Omokoroa Public Art Group considered an alternative site for the placement of the Anchor Stone sculpture.

It was also suggested that the Omokoroa Public Art Group approach an engineer to provide an independent design and costings for a structure that would provide protection for the underground utilities to facilitate the installation of the sculpture. The Omokoroa Public Art Group were to provide information about the project to the Roading Engineer (West).

Evidence of Woolly Nightshade Growing throughout Omokoroa

A member of the public raised concern about the growth of woolly nightshade throughout the Omokoroa peninsula. The pest weed was very common along roadsides and needed to be eradicated.

The Chairperson advised that any member of the public could ring Customer Services at the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Office and any inquiries about pest plant control would be referred to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Reporting back on Public Forum Items

Councillor Murray-Benge asked that there be reports back to the Community Board on specific items raised in public forum. She asked that the speaker who raised specific points relating to Dog Control Bylaws at the last Board meeting be contacted about the noted concerns.

The Board was advised that any concerns should be reported to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council CCR (service request system) in the first instance.

Resolved: Members Grainger / D Sage

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.21 pm.

OM20.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. OM19 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 26 March 2019**

The Board considered the minutes of OM19 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 26 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member T Sage

THAT the minutes of meeting no. OM19 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 26 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

OM20.2 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 9 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

OM20.2.1 **Omokoroa Community Board Future**

The Chairperson advised the Local Government Commission's "Determination of representation arrangements to apply for the election of Western Bay of Plenty District Council to be held on 12 October 2019" stated, inter alia: *Accordingly we have determined that the Omokoroa Community Board will be retained, with its current membership, alongside the other four existing community boards which will also retain their current membership.*

He stated that this was an excellent outcome for the Omokoroa community.

OM20.2.2 **Community Response Plan**

The Chairperson advised that Craig Hooper had met with the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Advisor. He provided an initial summary on the current status of the Omokoroa Community Response Team and outlined a number of tasks that needed to be undertaken to bring the response team up to the required standard.

Mr Hooper advised that he would continue to communicate with the Emergency Management Advisor and gain clarification on the 'nuts and

bolts' items that would assist in the future planning for the Omokoroa Community Response Team.

The Board requested that Craig Hooper be invited to attend the next meeting of the Omokoroa Community Board to be held on Tuesday 18 June 2019.

Resolved: Member T Sage / Councillor Murray-Benge

1. *THAT Craig Hooper be given permission to advertise (through various local avenues) for interested persons to become a volunteer member of the Omokoroa Community Response Team.*
2. *THAT Craig Hooper be invited to attend the next meeting of the Omokoroa Community Board to be held on Tuesday 18 June 2019.*

OM20.2.3

Omokoroa Golf Course and Precious Family Reserve Walkway Erosion Funding Report

At the meeting of the Operations and Monitoring Committee held on 11 April 2019, the Committee resolved that the report and subsequent recommendations relating to the Omokoroa Golf Course and Precious Family Reserve Walkway Erosion Funding Report be referred to the Omokoroa Community Board for confirmation of their commitment to the project funded from the Omokoroa Community Roading Account.

Resolved: Member Grainger / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the Omokoroa Community Board approve the allocation of \$200,000 toward the proposed joint Omokoroa Golf Club and Council project for the construction of a bund, culvert structures and a walkway/cycleway on the esplanade reserve that bounds the golf course and Precious Family Reserve Walkway funded from the Board's Community Roading Account.

OM20.2.4

Project Spending to Consider

At the recent board workshop, the following funding allocations were proposed for approval at this meeting.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the projects as listed below be approved for construction funded from the Omokoroa Community Board Roading Account:

	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>		<i>Fund source</i>
<i>Roading account as at OM19 6.2</i>			<i>380,612</i>	<i>Roading Reserve</i>
<i>Allocation for 2019/20 (Estimate)</i>			<i>95,000</i>	<i>2019/20 AP</i>

Total (approx.)			475,610	
Western Avenue Carpark (2 bays)	1	60,000	(60,000)	Roading
Parking by Point School (up to approx. 83m down towards tennis courts)	2	135,000	(135,000)	Roading
Extra Parking Bay - The Esplanade	3	20,000	(20,000)	Roading
Contribution to golf course walkway	4	200,000	(200,000)	Roading
Contribute extra to Western Ave - Kayelene walkway to enable concrete surface.	5	60,000	(60,000)	Roading
Total (est)			(475,000)	
Balance			610	

Resolved: Member Grainger / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the projects as listed below be approved for construction funded from the Omokoroa Community Board Reserve Account:

Community Board Reserve account			163,221	Board reserve
Two Barbeques, Western Ave	1	25,000	(25,000)	Reserve
Develop passive reserve at Western Ave extn, paths and planting	2	45,000	(45,000)	Reserve
Bus shelters (two) [When Omokoroa Road rehabilitation is undertaken]	3	50,000	(50,000)	Reserve
Total (est)			(120,000)	
Balance			43,221	

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Grainger

THAT the proposed projects listed below funded from Council's Structure Plan funding be noted

Structure Plan Funding				
Pedestrian Bridge over the railway	V high	150,000		Structure plan

<p><i>Develop Hamurana reserve walkway extn across railway to stormwater pond area in SHA</i></p>				<p><i>Structure plan</i></p>
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Pedestrian Bridge over the Railway

Concerns were raised that pedestrians, particularly school children, were seen to be dodging the traffic to cross Omokoroa Road. This was an extremely busy road with high volumes of traffic particular during school start and finish times and was seen as a high risk zone for pedestrians.

The Board requested that the construction of a pedestrian bridge on Omokoroa Road over the railway line linking the new footpaths (as identified within the Omokoroa Structure Plan) be treated with urgency in consideration of the health ad safety risk to children and all pedestrians.

Resolved: Member T Sage / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the Omokoroa Community Board recommend to the Operations and Monitoring Committee that the installation of the planned pedestrian bridge over the railway line linking the new footpaths as identified in the Omokoroa Structure Plan be constructed as soon as possible in consideration of the safety of children (and other pedestrians) who try and cross this road.

OM20.2.5

Community Groups

- **Omokoroa Community Policing Group**

The Chairperson advised that the Omokoroa Community Policing Group was currently discussing possible options for securing a new community patrol vehicle.

- **Omokoroa District Sports and Recreation**

Member Presland advised there was frustration relating to the delays in the building consent process but it was expected that all consent requirements would be settled during the next week. It was expected that the construction of the new sports pavilion would start in June.

Member Presland acknowledged the assistance given by Council's Strategic Property Manager in working through the required consent processes and apportionment costs for the new building.

- **Omokoroa Environmental Managers (M Grainger)**

The Chairperson advised that recycled plastic seating was not easy to obtain, so suitable wooden and steel seating would be sourced with costings and installation points to be determined.

- **Omokoroa Settlers' Hall Committee Society**

Member T Sage advised that the pre-school group had found an alternate location and now were not looking to use the hall.

The Settlers Hall Committee commended the Property and Services Officer West for the assistance she had given to the hall committee in regard to a number of items.

Members of the Settlers Hall Committee and many other users had indicated that they were pleased with the Local Government Commission decision to retain the Omokoroa Community Board.

OM20.2.6 **Significant Council Processes**

(a) Community Matching Fund - 2019

The Board was advised that the Community Matching Fund was available to Western Bay Community Groups. The 2019 Community Matching Fund applications opened on 29 April and closed on 29 May 2019.

(b) Remuneration Authority – Childcare Allowance (Draft Policy Paper)

Elected Members were reminded that they were welcome to provide comment on the Remuneration Authority – Childcare Allowance (Draft Policy Paper) to the Remuneration Authority at info@remauthority.govt.nz by Friday 31 May 2019.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the Chairperson's Report to the Omokoroa Community Board for May 2019 be received.

OM20.3 **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Councillor Palmer dated 24 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

OM20.3.1 **New Subdivision and Dwelling Consents**

In the 9 months from 1 July 2018 to 31 March 2019 there were 337 new lots created in Omokoroa out of a total of 568 across the district.

For the same period there were 116 new dwelling consents issued for Omokoroa out of a total of 289 across the district.

Concern was expressed in relation to development at Omokoroa and the increasing access and egress congestion at the Omokoroa Road and State Highway intersection. Council had acknowledged the need for housing and there was an expectation that central government would meet its responsibilities with provision of roading infrastructure to accommodate the increased population that came with new housing and other development projects throughout the district.

OM20.3.2 **2019/2020 Annual Plan**

Submissions closed on 18 April for the 2019/2020 Annual Plan together with feedback on a number of bylaw and policy matters.

Over 200 people had attended the 7 Have Your Say open sessions and over 2000 submissions have been received. The submissions were currently being processed by staff and Council would commence deliberations in May with final adoption of the Annual Plan by the end of June.

Resolved: Councillor Palmer / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the report dated 24 April 2019 and titled Omokoroa Community Board Councillor's Report – May 2019 be received.

OM20.4 **Community Board Grant Application - May 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 23 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The Board considered the following Community Board Grant Applications:

1. Omokoroa Anzac Committee requested funding of \$300.00 for costs associated with the Anzac Day commemorations held at Omokoroa.
2. Omokoroa & District Lions Club requested funding for the cost of pipework required to complete the installation of a donated drinking fountain and water bottle filler to be located at the Western Avenue Sports Ground in the vicinity of the Omokoroa Skate Path and playground.

It was requested that a map showing the location of the proposed drinking fountain and water bottle filler be forwarded to Board Members.

Resolved: Councillor Palmer / Member T Sage

1. *THAT the report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 23 April 2019 and titled Omokoroa Community Grant Application - May 2019 be received.*

2. *THAT the Omokoroa Community Board approve the following grants to be funded from the Omokoroa Community Grants 2018/2019 account subject to all accountabilities being met:*

- *Omokoroa Anzac Committee* \$300.00
- *Omokoroa & District Lions Club* \$2,300.00

OM20.5 **Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - May 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 23 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

OM20.5.1 **Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway**

Councillor Murray-Benge expressed frustration in regards to the time it was taking to complete the cycleway and commented that the requirements of Heritage New Zealand and consultation with Iwi took up so much time and caused delay and extra costs for these projects.

Advice was given that consultation with Iwi was a requirement under New Zealand Law (Heritage New Zealand Act 2014) and Council had a responsibility to uphold this requirement.

OM20.5.2 **Omokoroa Library and Service Centre**

Councillor Palmer requested clarification relating to the confirmation of funding for the proposed Omokoroa Library and Service Centre.

OM20.5.3 **Kaimai Views**

The Board was advised that the Minister of Housing was to visit a housing development site at Omokoroa on 15 May 2019.

OM20.5.4 **Omokoroa Emergency Management**

It was clarified that the Omokoroa Community Response Plan was in the early stages of being updated.

OM20.5.5 **Omokoroa Road Construction - State Highway to Railway**

Councillor Murray-Benge apologised for the confusion and misunderstanding in regard to the statement she made at the previous Board meeting relating to a discussion with the previous Board Chairperson about the installation of underground power lines.

OM20.5.6 **Installation of Cycle Racks - Minute Action Reference OM1819 2.11**

The Roading Engineer (West) tabled a number of bike rack designs. The Board requested a list of comparative costing for various designs and they would provide a list of suggested locations for the future placement of bike racks throughout Omokoroa.

OM20.5.7 **Long Term Plan Priorities - Minute Action Reference OM16 18 2.3 - Playground Path Connection to The New Pavilion Building**

The Board received a draft plan of the playground path connection. Councillor Palmer asked for clarification of the pathway connections and queried the suitability of the pathway plan in relation to the topography of the route along the Western Avenue Sports Ground.

Resolved: Member Grainger / Councillor Palmer

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 23 April 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa May 2019 be received.

OM20.6 **Financial Report Omokoroa - March 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 10 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillors Murray-Benge / Palmer

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 10 April 2019 and titled Financial Report Omokoroa – March 2019 be received.

OM20.7 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the month of May and June 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the schedule of meetings for months of May and June 2019 be received.

The meeting concluded at 8.53 pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

M Grainger
Chairperson
Omokoroa Community Board

Date

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